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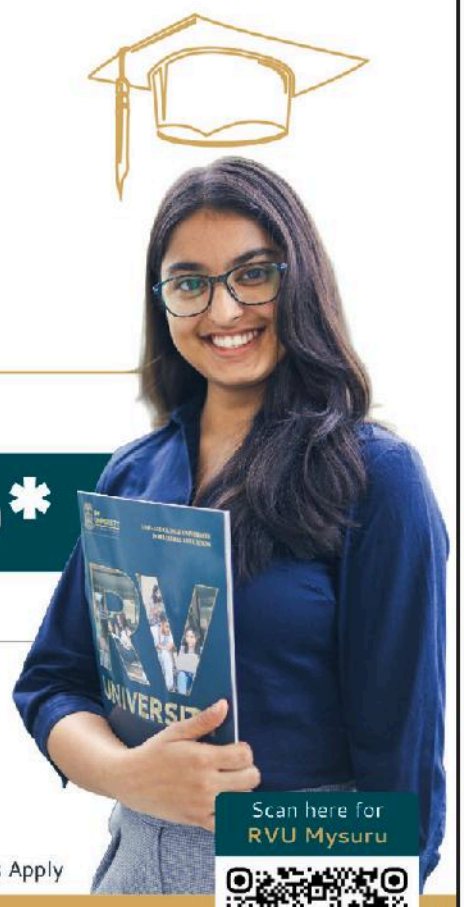

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Mysuru, Saturday 11th April 2026

Prof. CDN Memorial Lecture and Award Ceremony on Apr.12

Dr. Prema

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Dhvanyaloka has organised Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah (CDN) Memorial Lecture and Award Ceremony on Apr. 12 at 6.30 pm at its premises on Bogadi Road, Mysuru.

The CDN Memorial Award will be conferred on Dr. Prema Nandakumar, well-known critic and scholar, who will also deliver the CDN Memorial lecture on the topic *Aurobindo's Savitri.*

Dr. Kavery Nambisan, a reputed Indian novelist, will receive the first copy of the special issue of *The Literary Criterion* devoted to her work.

She will also release Ragini Ramachandra's work on Ruskin Bond and Prof. CDN's *Function of Criticism in India* translated to Kannada by C.N. Srinath.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

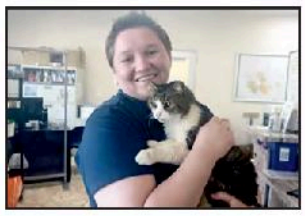
Learnings from a taxation misstep: ***The Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) abrupt withdrawal of its proposed road-user fee, announced in the 2026-27 budget, is a cautionary tale for civic bodies on how not to design urban taxation. Technically, the Corporation was on firm legal footing. Section 103-B of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, empowers urban bodies to levy an infrastructure cess on motor vehicles, independent of the State's road tax. The Supreme Court, too, has consistently held that such levies — when tied to specific services — constitute a "compensatory fee" rather than double taxation. However, legality alone cannot rescue a policy that appears arbitrary and divorced from public sentiment.***

The most glaring flaw lay in its architecture. The cess, though ostensibly vehicle-based, was to be collected through the Property Identification Number, rather than the Transport Department's database. This presumption — that property ownership correlates with vehicle ownership — was plainly unscientific. A user fee, by definition, must be linked to actual usage. The primary grievance, however, was the perception of unfairness. Citizens already pay a hefty lifetime tax at the point of registration, alongside tolls and parking fees. The proposal was widely seen as forcing them to pay twice for the same service — basic road maintenance — particularly when the city's infrastructure falls short of expectations. Equally significant is the context in which this budget was framed. Mysuru has been without an elected council since November 2023, with the Corporation currently overseen by an Administrator. Policies framed by bureaucratic calculation tend to be technocratic, lacking the calibration that comes from direct public engagement. The swift backlash — and swifter withdrawal — underscores the risks of governance that is procedurally sound but politically tone-deaf. It also serves as a warning for Bengaluru, which continues to function without an elected municipal body.

None of this diminishes the Corporation's need to augment its own revenues. Urban infrastructure requires sustained funding and reliance on State transfers is neither sufficient nor sustainable. For a city like Mysuru, with its substantial tourist inflow — peaking at tens of lakhs during Dasara — the answer lies in smarter, less intrusive revenue models. A modest heritage cess on tourist attractions, dynamic parking strategies or festival-linked commercial levies can generate significant funds without burdening residents. Direct taxes like a road-user fee, however well-intentioned, will always invite resistance if they are poorly designed and inadequately justified. The lesson from Mysuru is clear: urban taxation must not only be legal; it must be logical, transparent and anchored in public trust. — *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Missing cat reunited after 5 years!



Williamson County: A cat which had gone missing for five years was reunited with its family thanks to the information on the microchip.

The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter in Texas said the feline was brought to the facility in late March and scanned for a microchip, which revealed her owners' information.

Shelter officials were shocked to learn the pet, named KitKat, had been missing for five years. "I've been doing this since 2013 and I have never seen a reunion after five years. That is incredible," shelter employee Leo Delgado said.

"My wife got an email saying the chip had been found and then I got a text as well. That's when we checked the Williamson County lost and found page and saw her," owner Angelique Wethereit said.

Runs marathon by wearing 55 T-shirts

Little Rock: An Arkansas athlete donned 55 T-shirts and ran a half marathon to break a Guinness World Record and celebrate her weight loss journey.

Meredith Smith ran the Fort Smith Half Marathon on Mar. 30 while wearing her 55 layers of shirts, and Guinness World Records has now confirmed she earned the title for the most T-shirts worn during a half marathon (female). Smith finished with a time of under 3 hours and 30 minutes.

"Completing a running record was particularly special to me, as I would not have thought it possible when I began running in 2013 as a way to lose weight. Trying to set this record by adding weight back on to my body via T-shirts was like stepping back into my own shoes to physically see how far I've come," Smith told Guinness World Records.

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Extension of Special Train Services

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Similarly, Train No. 07043 Hyderabad-Belagavi Weekly Special, earlier up to 26.3.2026, is extended up to 16.4.2026 with one trip on 16.4.2026, while Train No. 07044 Belagavi-Hyderabad Special, earlier up to 27.3.2026, is extended up to 17.4.2026 with one trip on 17.4.2026.

Further, East Central Railway has extended Train No. 03251 Danapur-SMvT Bengaluru Daily Special, earlier up to 31.3.2026, to run from 10.4.2026 to 30.4.2026 (21 trips) and Train No. 03252 SMvT Bengaluru-Danapur Special, earlier up to 2.4.2026, from 12.4.2026 to 2.5.2026 (21 trips).

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discount on UoM Prasaranga books

As part of 'Prasarangada Pustakotsava-2025', University of Mysore (UoM) is offering a special discount on the price of its books from Apr. 1 to 30 at its main office in Manasagangothri and outlet near Ramaswamy Circle in city. The books published before 1985 is being offered 75% discount, books published between 1985 and 2000 - 60% discount, books published from 2000 till date, including Epigraphia Karnataka and Encyclopaedia - 50% discount and dictionaries - 25% discount. Students, scholars, book vendors and the public may make use of the opportunity, stated a press release from Prof. M. Nanjaiah Honganur, Director, Prasaranga, University of Mysore.

JSS matrimonial meet on Apr. 19

JSS Vivaha Vedike has organised a matrimonial meet at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in the premises of JSS Hospital, Mysuru, on Apr. 19 at 10 am. For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 83101-21328 or 94807-70855 or 94815-30441 or log on to the official website: ***www.jssmatrimony.com***.

Anti-obesity camp from Apr. 11 to 30

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, has organised anti-obesity camp from Apr. 11 to 30 at its premises. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 96320-00697, according to a press release.

Art of Living Intuition Programme

Sri Ravishankar Gurudev's Art of Living (AoL) has organised Intuition Programme for children in the age group of 8 to 18 years from Apr. 16 to 26 (Apr. 16 to 19 - offline and Apr. 20 to 26 - online) from 10.30 am to 4 pm at Art of Living Ashram, Lalitadripura Road, Mysuru. For further details, contact Mob: 98456-85892 or 98459-63387.

Ph.D awardee

C. Santhosh has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Alkyl 2-(Methylthio)-2-Thioxoacetate: A Competent Synthon for the Synthesis of Biologically Significant N-Heterocyclic Compounds.' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.P. Sadashiva.

DISHA Committee Meeting at ZP Hall

HDK asks NHAI to speed up Kempegowda Circle flyover works

Union Minister for Steel & Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing DISHA Committee Meeting at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MK&DM)- With work on the flyover at the busy Kempegowda Junction (Manipal Hospital Junction) at the entrance/exit of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway progressing, union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has directed officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to expedite the project and ensure its completion within the stipulated time.

He was speaking after chairing the quarterly District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) Meeting at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall yesterday.

After reviewing inputs from various Departments and the progress of the Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane road project, which is part of NH-275, the union Minister instructed authorities to speed up the Highway works.

Naganahalli Railway Yard

Pointing out that 8 acres and 29 guntas of land at Naganahalli and Lakshmipura are being acquired for the development of the Naganahalli Railway Yard on the Mysuru-Bengaluru section, Kumaraswamy said that the Union Government had deposited Rs. 18.92 crore with the State Government for the purpose on Mar. 28, 2024.

Asserting that there has been no disruption in fertiliser supply to the district despite the West Asia conflict, the Union Minister directed officials to extend support to tobacco growers who are facing difficulties due to price fluctuations.

He also said, there is no shortage of fodder in the district and noted that effective control of cattle diseases has led to an increase of about 2.5 lakh litres in milk production per day.

Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, DISHA Committee Member M. Ashwin Kumar, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, ZP CEO S. ukesh Kumar and other officials were present.

Remove illegal hoardings on heritage roads: MP Yaduveer

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (DM&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar raised concerns over unauthorised advertisement hoardings installed along 12 heritage roads in the city, including those in front of the iconic Mysore Palace.

He pointed out that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zonal Officers had failed to properly monitor the installations or issue warnings before granting permissions and directed the Civic Body to immediately remove the illegal hoardings.

He also raised concerns about waste being dumped along the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and urged the Mysuru City Corporation not to allow unauthorised flex or advertisement boards.

He further highlighted the issue of garbage being dumped along the Ring Road near Belavatta and instructed officials to install CCTv cameras and take strict action against those responsible.

Responding to the issue, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said that the waste along the ORR is being cleared.

He noted that installing CCTv cameras to curb illegal dumping had yielded limited results and that the MCC is working on new measures to address the problem.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway to be completed in 18 months

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BCT)- The 92-km Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane Highway project is progressing and is expected to be completed within the next 18 months.

The Rs. 2,500 crore project is being executed in five phases, with work already underway in three phases. So far, about 11 percent physical progress has been achieved, with 6.25 km completed.

Officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said, eight accident-prone stretches along the route have been identified and corrective measures, including construction of underpasses and road widening, are being taken up.

union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy directed officials to resolve land acquisition disputes related to the project at the earliest.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said that most of the required land has already been acquired and handed over to the NHAI, though disputes remain in a few locations. He assured that construction work will continue under Police protection.

Unclaimed two-wheelers to be auctioned

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (KS)- Sixteen two-wheelers of various companies which were seized during checking by Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Police and parked in the Police Station premises have not been claimed back by the owners.

These unclaimed two-wheelers will be auctioned after obtaining permission from the Court and the money got from the auction will be deposited to the Government. Hence, the owners of the unclaimed two-wheelers are urged to produce relevant documents and take back their vehicles.

The unclaimed two-wheelers, parked at KR Traffic Police Station, are:

Kinetic Honda (KA-02-EB-9292). Hero Passion Pro (KA-09-EU-4412), Bajaj Discover (KA-01-EJ-5618), Bajaj Pulsar 150 (KA-03-ET-9442), Hero Passion Pro (KA-51-J-4852), TVS XL Super (KA-09-HG-4407), Mahindra Centuro (KA09-HL-3956), TvS Scooty Pep (KA-27-U-7691), Hero Splendor (KA-09-X-1319), Suzuki Access 125 (KA-09-EW-1855), TvS Scooty Pep+ (KA-09-EL-1665), Hero Passion Pro (KA-09-ET-4513), Hero Splendor (KA-06-W-9279), Hero Karizma (KA-09-EK-4086), Yamaha Fascino (KA-09-HS-8205) and Honda Activa (KA-09-EB-0522).

For details, contact KR Traffic Police Station in person or call Ph: 0821-2418330, according to a press release from the KR Traffic Police Station Sub-Inspector.

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Beating the heat with clay pots

Earthen pots make a comeback amid soaring summer heat

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (vvH&BS)- As the maximum temperature in the city ranges between 34°C and 35°C, clay water pots are witnessing brisk demand.

It is now a common sight to see people thronging potters and vendors near the park behind the old Deputy Commissioner's Office, facing the Mysuru-Hunsur Road, at the corner of Kalamandira Road, Bogadi Main Road, Hebbal and several other localities to purchase earthen pots that help keep water naturally cool.

With the heat intensifying ahead of summer, many residents prefer drinking cool water stored in clay pots to quench their thirst.

Ramesh, a native of Rajasthan who has been selling traditional earthen pots in the city for the past 15 years, said that clay containers keep water naturally cool throughout the day when compared to metal vessels. He sells pots of different capacities, 10 litres, 15 litres and 20 litres, fitted with taps, priced at Rs. 450, Rs. 650 and Rs. 950 respectively.

Growing environmental awareness among people is also contributing to the demand for clay containers. Unlike refrigerators that use mechanical cooling to preserve food items, water stored in earthen pots remains naturally cool and is considered healthier.

Ramesh said, he camps in the city for nearly three months every year during the summer season before returning to his native place.

Apart from households, hostel inmates also opt for clay pots. vendors selling buttermilk, porridge and juices also prefer earthen containers during this season as they help keep the contents fresh.

Ensure no drinking water crisis in summer: MLA GTD to officials

GTD

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) directed officials to ensure that there is no drinking water crisis in villages and other areas of the Constituency during summer.

He was speaking at a meeting with officials of MCC, Hootagalli CMC, Rammanahalli, Kadakola, Bogadi and Srirampura Town Panchayats at the MCC office here on Thursday.

Pointing out that areas of the Constituency should be provided drinking water from Kabini, KRS and Melapura Pumping Station until the Old Unduwadi project is completed, GTD said, water should be supplied in tankers in areas found necessary. He directed the officials to take measures for supplying water to areas such as Sardar vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, vasanthnagar, venkateshwara Layout, Manasinagar & surrounding areas.

"Residents of Srinagar D-Block coming under Srirampura Town Panchayat have been repeatedly complaining me about drying up of borewells. The officials should address this issue immediately and it must be ensured that 4 MLD of water is supplied to Layouts in Vijayanagar Fourth stage," GTD noted.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said that a Committee, headed by MCC Superintending Engineer (SE), has been formed to address water shortage complaints. Pointing out that with Weather forecast predicting a shortfall in Monsoon rains, the officials must get prepared for drinking water supply through tankers, he said that it must be ensured that water sharing formula of 40 MLD water to MCC and 20 MLD water to other Local Bodies, as agreed upon, is correctly implemented when Kabini water project is implemented.

Expressing dissatisfaction over waste disposal in several areas of the city outskirts, GTD instructed officials to clean up heaps of uncleared waste in Hootagalli KHB Colony, Belavadi, Koorgalli, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Hinkal and other surrounding areas.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC SE Manjunath, Hootagalli CMC Commissioner B.N. Chandrashekar and other officials were present.

Accident victim paid Rs. 10 lakh compensation

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (DM)- The KSRTC has paid a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh to the kin of an accident victim who died after falling off from the emergency exit window of a moving city bus near Uttanahalli Cross on way to Chamundi Hill Temple.

Prabhavathi (34) was travelling in bus to Chamundi Hill, when she died of serious head injuries after falling off from the emergency exit window of bus (KA-42-F-2065), which was on way to Chamundi Hill, last year.

Now, the KSRTC Mysuru Urban Divisional Controller H.T. veeresh gave a Rs. 10 lakh cheque as compensation to yogesh, the husband of the accident victim Prabhavathi, on Apr. 6 in the presence of other family members of the deceased.

CFTRI hosts symposium on "Insights in Food Product Development"

Prof. Jamuna Prakash stresses urgent need to integrate nutritional science with product design

Mysuru, Apr. 11- The Department of Traditional Foods and Applied Nutrition (TFAN), CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru, organised a half-day symposium on "Insights in Food Product Development" recently bringing together experts to deliberate on emerging trends and challenges in development of nutritious, consumer-oriented food products.

Prof. Jamuna Prakash, Retired Professor from the University of Mysore, who was the chief guest, delivered an insightful address on "Positioning and Optimising Nutrition in Food Product Development."

She emphasised the need to integrate nutritional science with product design, highlighting how careful ingredient selection, processing techniques and fortification strategies can enhance the health value of foods while maintaining taste, affordability, and consumer acceptability.

Dr. P. Giridhar, CSIR-CFTRI Director, in his presidential remarks, underscored the importance of interdisciplinary approaches and innovation in addressing challenges involved in the nutrient rich food formulations.

He stressed the role of sensory science in winning the consumers acceptance and also successful marketing of these products. He also mentioned the necessity of institutions in translating scientific knowledge into practical, scalable food solutions that cater to diverse population needs.

The symposium featured technical sessions by domain experts. Dr. R. Chetana, Principal Technical Officer, TFAN Department, spoke on "Commercialising Food Innovation: A Technology Translation Approach."

She elaborated on the pathway from laboratory research to market-ready products, discussing aspects such as product standardisation, pilot-scale trials, regulatory compliance, AI considerations and industry collaboration.

Dr. M.R. Asha, Principal Technical Officer, TFAN Department, delivered a lecture on "A Sensory Science Framework for Consumer-centric Product Development." She emphasised the critical role of sensory evaluation in product development, explaining how attributes such as taste, aroma, texture, and appearance influence consumer choices.

The symposium provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and reinforced the importance of combining nutrition, technology, and consumer insights in the development of innovative and sustainable food products.

Dr. R. Babylatha welcomed and Dr Sudheer Kumar Yannam proposed vote of thanks.

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Mysore Airport runway expansion

DPR ready for 500 mts tunnel under runway

P.V. Ushakumari, Director, Mysore Airport

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security conducts preliminary review: Airport Director

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MK&BCT)- The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the expansion of Mysore Airport at Mandakalli has been finalised and is awaiting formal approval, according to Airport Director P.v. ushakumari.

One of the biggest challenges in the project is the intersection of the proposed runway extension with the existing Mysuru-Nanjangud National Highway. To address this, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has proposed constructing an underground tunnel for Highway traffic.

The matter was discussed at the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) Meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall, chaired by Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy yesterday.

An earlier DPR had proposed extending the runway by constructing an underpass for Highway traffic and building the runway above it. However, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) raised safety concerns and proposal was dropped. A revised plan has now been prepared for a 3-km bypass with a 500-metre tunnel section beneath the Airport runway. The DPR is currently awaiting final approval.

(See DPR on page 11)

PM Narendra Modi to visit Adichunchanagiri on Apr. 15

Mandya DC Dr. Kumara holds meeting with officials, instructs to construct 3 helipads and green rooms

Narendra Modi

Mandya, Apr. 11- With Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to visit Adichunchanagiri Mutt in Nagamangala taluk of Mandya district on Apr. 15, Mandya Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Kumara has directed the officials to show no laxity in following the protocol for the Prime Minister's visit.

Presiding over a preliminary meeting at his office here yesterday, Dr. Kumara said, PM Modi will inaugurate the 'Gadduge' *(Mandira)* of late Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji and 'vigraha Prana Pratishtapana' ceremony. It will be followed by a stage programme at BGS Stadium.

Prior to the inauguration of the 'Gadduge,' the PM will take part in the Puja at Kalabhyraveshwara Temple located at the Mutt.

Instructing the officials to construct three helipads for the landing of the PM and his entourage, the DC said, at the same time, Green Rooms, adjoining the helipads, should be formed.

He also directed for ensuring continuous power supply, appropriate vehicle parking facility, uninterrupted BSNL internet and telecommunication network and to deploy five personnel for handling of luggage of the PM's entourage.

He further instructed for proper maintenance of all roads on which the PM will travel from the helipad and to keep the roads free of potholes and to deploy a fully-equipped ambulance and fire personnel for meeting any emergencies.

Mandya Zilla Panchayat CEO K.R. Nandini, SP Dr. V.J. Shobha Rani, Additional DC B.C. Shivanandamurthy and other district level officials attended the meeting.

Dr. Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, who is credited for the development of the Mutt and building hundreds of educational institutions, passed away on Jan. 13, 2013 at the age of 67 years.

'Bring child mortality rate at Cheluvamba Hospital to zero'

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy chairing a meeting of officials at MMC&RI in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MTy&BS)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has instructed the officials to take measures to reduce child mortality rate at Cheluvamba Hosiptal in the city to zero.

He was presiding over the review meeting on child mortality rate at Cheluvamba Hospital at the Council Hall of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) in the city yesterday.

The people in and around the district are largely dependent on Cheluvamba Hospital, especially for delivery of child. The expectant mothers should be assured of better care and various causes leading to child mortality should be addressed to bring the mortality rate to zero, said DC Reddy.

Referring to nine child mortality cases reported in August 2025, eight in December and nine in March, DC Reddy said, through the mortality rate is still less when compared to monthly rates, concerted efforts should be made by all the officers and staff of the hospital to bring them to a naught.

He also sought a report on 23 child mortality cases, mainly about the delay, if any, on the part of hospitals while referring the cases to higher hospitals. The 23 deaths that occurred between January and March this year were reported within 48 hours of delivery, after the expectant mothers were referred to Cheluvamba Hospital from elsewhere.

It is said that after admitting the expectant mothers at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Taluk Hospitals for two to three days, they will be referred to Cheluvamba Hospital, only after their condition became critical. If such women are brought to Cheluvamba before their condition worsens, the child mortality can be prevented by providing better treatment, DC suggested.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani brought to the notice of DC about the vacant positions that has become a hurdle in providing health services effectively. Five among the six posts of Paediatricians are vacant, while 96 Nurses posts are vacant, with 59 Nurses working at the hospital. Of the total 16 Group 'D' posts, 12 are vacant.

In January this year, 15 child mortality cases were reported, 18 in February and 9 in March, she added.

ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar and senior officers of MMC & RI attended the meeting.

Intensify quality checks at street food joints

Book cases against those selling sub-standard quality food: ADC

Dr. Shivaraju

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (DM)- Additional Depuy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju directed officials to book cases against food vendors found selling sub-standard quality food.

He was speaking after presiding over District-level Consultative Committee meeting on implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 (FSS Act) at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here recently.

Pointing out that there are 3 circles in MCC limits for checking food quality as per FSS Act, Dr. Shivaraju said a survey was conducted on the quality of 130 types of recipes, in the 3-month period between October 2025 and December 2025. Such checks should be increased in the coming days, he pointed out.

Noting that more number of people flock street food vendors, the ADC instructed the officials to carry out more quality checks in all street food joints across the city.

" Food sellers, whose turnover crosses Rs.1.5 crore, should mandatorily get license after applying in the FSSAI website. At the same time, the food sellers whose turnover is below Rs.1.5 crore should mandatorily get registered", he said.

Observing that multiple boiling of junk and other such foods will have a serious effect on the health of users, Dr. Shivaraju directed the officials to carryout periodic checks on hotels and other street food joints for quality testing and to find out whether any chemicals or additives are used.

He also asked the officials to check source of edible oil, use and ways of disposal of used oil in hotels, eateries and other food joints.

MCC Food Safety and Pharma Administration Designated Officer Dr. S.L. Ravindra said the department has filed a total of 24 cases in Court for violation of FSS Act, out of which 6 cases have been disposed off, with the Court imposing a total penalty of Rs.70,000 on offenders of the Act.

District Family Welfare Officer Dr. Gopinath, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju, Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director S.H. Nirmala and other officials were present.

Empowered women key to nation's progress

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MK&DM)- "Women must stand united and raise their voice for the cause of the people," said State BJP Mahila Morcha President Manjula.

She was speaking at the International Women's Day celebration organised by the Krishnaraja BJP Mahila Morcha at Aradhya Mahasabha on JLB Road here recently.

Manjula said leadership qualities develop only when women actively participate in movements and public life. Quoting Swami Vivekananda, she said a nation cannot prosper without the empowerment of women and stressed that women must get equal opportunities in all fields.

Highlighting initiatives taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for women's welfare, she said the Centre is bringing a law to provide 33 percent reservation for women in Parliament, and urged women to enter politics in larger numbers and contribute to nation building.

Earlier, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who inaugurated the programme, said women have played a vital role in shaping Mysuru's traditions and heritage.

Recalling the contributions of women from the erstwhile Mysore royal family, he emphasised the need for women's financial empowerment.

yaduveer said the State Government should focus on skill development programmes for women rather than merely providing monthly doles, adding that skilled women can significantly contribute to the nation's growth.

Women achievers from various fields, Dr. Lakshmi (Medical), Shantha Somashekar (Women's organisation), Sowbhagya Murthy (former MCC Corporator), Kamalamma (University Senate member), Gurumallamma (millets grower), Yashoda (Medical), Rekha (Sports) and Dr. Meridha (Guest Lecturer), were felicitated.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa presided. K.R. Constituency BJP President Gopalraje Urs, City BJP Mahila Morcha President Renuka Raju, and office-bearers Sarvamangala, Chandrakala and others were present on the occasion.

Akshaya Patra Foundation's gesture to Govt. School kids

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Excelsoft Technologies Limited, in collaboration with The Akshaya Patra Foundation, recently held a scholarship felicitation ceremony in Bengaluru, aimed at empowering over 1,600 government school students from the Mysuru region.

Attendees included key executives from both organisations, who celebrated the achievements of thirty students, with nineteen receiving scholarships in person.

The event highlighted the critical link between education and nutrition, as Excelsoft committed to Akshaya Patra's Mid-Day Meal Programme, ensuring nutritious meals for approximately 4,193 children in March.

Shruti Sudhanva, Excelsoft's Director & Chief People Officer, emphasised the importance of education and nutrition in shaping future opportunities, while Vinod Sudhakar, CTO of Akshaya Patra, reinforced the need for collaboration to foster long-term impact on children's lives.

This partnership reflects a shared vision of enhancing educational stability and well-being for all children.

VOICE OF THE READER

Ease traffic bottleneck near Hinkal Flyover

Sir,

The Hinkal Flyover near Ashram Road is a junction where two service roads, the down-gradient Flyover Road and the Hunsur Main Road meet, with a total of five roads converging at this point.

Due to the presence of a bus stop on the service road, two or more buses frequently arrive at the same time, causing a bottleneck. As a result, vehicular traffic comes to a standstill on either side of the road.

The situation also leads to frequent accidents, as there is no signal or traffic personnel to regulate vehicular movement.

Consequently, motorists and the public travelling near the Flyover face considerable hardship. Will the Traffic Police Department and the District Administration conduct an immediate survey or spot inspection and take the necessary steps?

—Ravindran, NGO activist
Mysuru
4.4.2026

Ban orders around NDA exam centres in city

Mysuru, Apr. 11- With the UPSC conducting the NDA (National Defence Academy) and NA (Naval Academy) & CDS (Combined Defence Services) Exam at five centres across the city tomorrow (Apr. 12), the city Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm tomorrow.

The exam centres are: Government PU College, Aniketana Road, Kuvempunagar; Maharani's Government PU College, N.S. Road; Devaraja Government Girls PU College, Shivayana Mutt Road, off D. Devaraj Urs Road; Government PU College, Adipampa Road, vontikoppal and Maharaja Bifurcated PU College, Nazarbad, Mysuru.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and the exam staff, no unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the exam centres and carrying of objectionable articles around the exam centres is strictly prohibited. Also, all photocopy shops, cyber cafes and browsing centres in the vicinity of the exam centres are ordered to shut down during exam hours, according to a press release.

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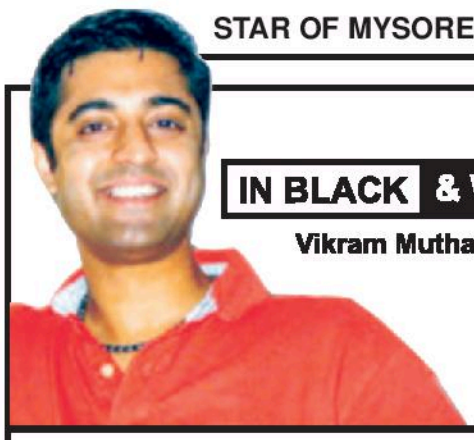

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Vikram Muthanna

TENDER FOREVER...?

The Lalitha Mahal Palace is back in the news... again. The Karnataka Cabinet has once more decided to invite private players to repair, restore and manage the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

It sounds promising. It always does. The same decision was announced in 2024 and several times before and several years prior and nothing came of it.

Which raises the obvious question: When will the Lalitha Mahal actually be restored?

For years, Mysureans have harboured a quiet fear that by the time the Government finally acts, Lalitha Mahal will no longer be fit for restoration, only reconstruction.

But now, according to the latest tender notification, bidders must submit an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 25 lakh, while the tender value has been fixed at Rs. 3.76 crore per year. The hotel will be leased for a period of 30 years.

On paper, it appears procedural. In reality, it raises eyebrows. The numbers seem modest for a structure of this grandeur, scale and fragility. This prompts an uncomfortable suspicion: Has the winner already been decided?

The more important question one must ask is, why is the bidder's proven ability to restore heritage structures not the central criterion?

Lalitha Mahal is not merely ageing; it is deteriorating from within. This concern is not paranoia. Mysuru has seen this story before.

In 2012, the 130-year-old Lansdowne Building collapsed. In 2016, a portion of the 136-year-old Devaraja Market gave way. In 2022, parts of vani vilas Market and Maharani's College followed.

Each collapse was preceded by delay, indecision and official indifference. Lalitha Mahal has long felt like the next name on that list.

And yet, the indecision around Lalitha Mahal is almost two decades old.

In 2000, the late Arun Jaitley, then union Disinvestment Minister, proposed offloading the property from ITDC (India Tourism Development Corporation). Nothing happened.

Fifteen years later, in 2015, the then Union Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma said, *"We believe it makes little sense to let these hotels run in perpetual losses."* Nothing happened.

Two years later, in 2017, the then State Tourism Minister R.V. Deshpande told the Karnataka Legislative Assembly that his Ministry would take back Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel from ITDC.

Eventually, it did and that should have been the turning point. But alas. It wasn't.

The Palace was handed to Jungle Lodges and Resorts, a Government body with expertise in jungle retreats, not luxury heritage hotels.

The Government called it a temporary arrangement, promising a global tender soon after. "Soon" stretched into years. Now, finally, we are told the Government is ready to act. One hopes this time it means it.

The Karnataka Government must choose wisely who gets Lalitha Mahal, because it is not just another Government asset. It is central to Mysuru's identity. As the city's second-largest Palace, its revival holds immense potential for tourism and branding.

A heritage Palace hotel is not merely accommodation; it is an experience. It allows visitors to inhabit history, not just observe it. Cities that understand this have reaped the rewards.

Jaipur's Rambagh Palace and Hyderabad's Falaknuma Palace are not just hotels; they are global showcases.

When the Taj Group took over Falaknuma, it invested heavily, transforming a decaying structure into a crown jewel. Today, it draws high-value tourists and elevates the city's global profile.

At the cost of repeating thyself, one has to say, a fully restored Lalitha Mahal Palace could do the same for Mysuru. But that requires clarity of intent.

The Government must prioritise expertise over expediency. Restoration of a Palace is not a cosmetic exercise; it demands deep pockets, technical competence and a demonstrated history of reviving heritage properties.

For nearly 50 years, Lalitha Mahal has waited for its renaissance. Governments have come and gone, each promising action, but each leaving it to decay a little more.

It is reported that the company that eventually takes charge of the hotel will undertake renovation work under the supervision of the expert committee appointed by the Government.

We hope this committee does not end up causing more delays, in turn, causing more damage to the withering Palace.

This Government, like the previous ones, has an opportunity not just to restore a building, but to reclaim a legacy. But will it? More importantly, will it give to a deserving candidate?

One only hopes the process is fair, the intent is genuine and the outcome is not predetermined.

Lalitha Mahal, with every passing tender, has been getting structurally tender. It needs a decision, the right one and right now before it crumbles.

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Government says no to 87 posts…

Udayagiri North Police Station plan stalled

Siddaramaiah

Tanveer Sait

CM Siddaramaiah's Budget promise turned symbolic, says Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BCT)- The establishment of the udayagiri North Police Station, announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the 2025-2026 State Budget, has run into hurdles with the Government stating that it cannot create the 87 new posts required for the Police Station.

In a letter to the Director General of Police (DGP), under Secretary K.N. Vanaja clarified that sanctioning fresh posts for the proposed Police Station is not feasible at present.

Earlier, the Government had ordered the bifurcation of the existing udayagiri Police Station into North and South divisions, with 49 personnel to be deputed from the udayagiri South Station to the new North Station. However, later officials stated that there are no civil staff available at the South station for transfer.

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait has strongly criticised the Government's decision not to sanction the additional posts.

In a letter to Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Sait expressed disappointment, stating that the announcement of a new udayagiri Police Station in the Budget now appears merely symbolic.

'Mockery of a welfare initiative'

He said the decision of the officers has reduced a public welfare initiative to a mockery and termed it a serious setback to the administration. udayagiri is considered a highly sensitive locality, and in 2025, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had proposed splitting the existing Police Station to strengthen law and order.

The Cabinet subsequently approved the creation of udayagiri North Police Station. It was stated that 49 staff would initially be deputed, while 87 new posts would be sanctioned later.

The proposal was also included in the 2026 Budget, following which the DGP submitted the request to the Government. However, the under Secretary has now conveyed that the proposal to create new posts cannot be considered at present.

An official notification issued by the Home Department (Police Expenditure) on Nov. 18, 2025, confirmed the bifurcation of the existing udayagiri Police Station into udayagiri North and udayagiri South. Now, the process has been stalled as per the Government communication.

DPR ready for 500 mts tunnel under runway

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Cost escalation

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy informed the Committee that land acquisition for the project is almost complete, with only the transfer of compensation to landowners pending.

He added that about 7 acres of revenue land, currently in a residential layout, will be acquired shortly. "There are no other major hurdles in the project," he said.

The cost of the 3-km Highway diversion was initially estimated at Rs. 500 crore but has now risen to Rs. 600 crore. The additional Rs. 100 crore has led to uncertainty over whether the NHAI or the AAI will bear the expense, the DC noted.

AAI to contribute Rs. 510 crore

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, ushakumari said, the National Highway will be diverted, with an underground stretch of around 3-km to facilitate the runway expansion.

"The AAI has agreed to contribute Rs. 510 crore towards construction. The NHAI will have to bear the cost of land acquisition, including land required for the Highway and service roads," she said.

"The project is now awaiting security clearance. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has conducted a preliminary review and an Expert Committee will be formed for final approval. One of the conditions is that the tunnels at both ends must be manned round the clock by the State Police for security purposes. The local administration has written to the Superintendent of Police (SP) regarding this manpower requirement and is awaiting a reply," the Airport Director added.

Red Zone and implications

ushakumari also informed the Committee that the AAI has issued a public advisory cautioning against unauthorised constructions in the 'Red Zone' around Mysore Airport, where strict height restrictions apply.

According to the Government of India Gazette Notification GSR 751(E), any construction within a 56-km radius of the airport requires prior height clearance.

Those planning to put up buildings or structures must obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) through the online NOCAS (No Objection Certificate Application System) portal before starting work.

Responding to this, DC Lakshmikanth Reddy said, the Kadakola Town Panchayat and Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) have been instructed to grant building permissions strictly in accordance with AAI guidelines.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar expressed concern that the preliminary safety inspection report for the Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway tunnel has not been received even after six months, stressing that safety must remain the top priority in the project.

Chamundi Hill PRASHAD works

Environment group backs HC intervention

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BCT)- Environmental organisation 'Parisarakkaagi Naavu' has welcomed the Karnataka High Court's interim order halting construction works under the Centre's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme atop Chamundi Hill.

In a press release, the organisation's General Secretary Parashuramegowda highlighted the Court's sharp observations and warnings on the issue.

The High Court expressed strong displeasure that the State Government had continued permanent construction works despite earlier assurances given to the Court. It warned that any further violation of judicial orders would amount to contempt of Court.

The Court noted that the Government had earlier assured that no permanent works would be undertaken without prior approval. However, construction had continued.

It also criticised the Deputy Commissioner's justification that Rs. 47 crore had been released by the Centre for the project, calling the explanation "legally untenable and ill-intentioned."

The Court emphasised that, as a senior government officer, the Deputy Commissioner's foremost responsibility was to uphold judicial directives.

The organisation alleged that the Deputy Commissioner had ignored letters from erstwhile Mysore royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, appeals from environmental groups and the sentiments of devotees regarding the issue.

It further accused the officer of acting irresponsibly, citing other instances such as identifying fertile agricultural land for hospital construction, failing to act against illegal tree-felling along the Kapila riverbank and not convening meetings with environmental groups despite earlier assurances.

The environmental organisation has demanded that the Deputy Commissioner immediately convene a meeting with the organisations to discuss issues concerning Chamundi Hill and Mysuru's waste management.

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M. Yamunacharya: A Philosopher, Writer, Teacher and Gandhian

He was a Philosopher, Writer, Translator, Teacher, Guide and Gandhian — all at once. A veritable authority on Vishistadvaiata and Sri Ramanujacharya, his encyclopaedic knowledge of both Western and Indian Philosophical systems saw him guide HH Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar in his book on Lord Dattatreya (1957).

His student S.L. Bhyrappa, whom he guided and nurtured through many years, has on more than one occasion acknowledged with the greatest reverence, the impact he had on him in his younger years. This is a small tribute to M. Yamunacharya, who comes from the exalted lineage of philosophical scholars of Mysore like M. Hiriyanna, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and Govindacharya Swamy.

By Dr. Bhagirath S. Naganath

Mettupatti yamunacharya was born on 30th September 1899 to parents Narayana Iyengar and Manikyamma. Manikyamma's father, Alkondavalli Govindacharya Swamy, was an Executive Engineer under Diwan Seshadri Iyer. Govindacharya's father, Sreenivasa Iyengar, had taught English grammar lessons to HH Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wodeyar and was popularly known as *'Angrezi Sreenivasa Iyengar.'*

yamunacharya had his schooling at Marimallappa High School under *'Mysore Thathiah.'* In 1923, he enrolled into Maharaja College for his M.A. in Philosophy under A.R. Wadia, M. Hiriyanna, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and K.T. Shah.

Full Professorship!

His first stint at teaching was at Collegiate High School, Tumkur. Later, he worked as Principal at the Intermediate College, Hassan, before moving to Bangalore. He returned to Mysore in 1951 and taught Philosophy at Maharaja College. Six months before his retirement, the university made a perfunctory offer of promotion to full Professorship! yamunacharya turned it down in favour of his junior.

A year later, uGC made him an Emeritus Professor in Philosophy. yamunacharya retired in 1956. Following his retirement, he was appointed as Honorary Professor at Government Ayurveda College to teach the *'Darshanas.'*

yamunacharya married Rajamma in 1913. Rajamma was the niece of *Natakashiromani* A.v. varadachar, the famous dramatist. Their wedding was a four-day affair and featured concerts by veena Seshanna on day one and by Bidaram Krishnappa on day two. They had eight children — three boys and five girls from this happy union. His wife would keep the kitchen going throughout the day to feed all those yamunacharya would bring home. His house, *'Veda Gruham',* came to be known as *'Yamunacharya Choultry'!*

vid. R. visveswaran was the first student in B.A. Honours course in the newly instituted *'Indology Course'* at Maharaja College, Mysore, in 1951. Many distinguished scholars like Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri, Prof. Shivaram Sastri, Prof. S. Ramachandra Rao, Prof. M. yamunacharya and Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri were involved in this Indology course.

R. visveswaran later founded the *'Varalakshmi Academy of Music,'* dedicated to fine arts. yamunacharya was invited to be its chairperson and later the president of a committee consisting of board members like T. S. Shama Rao, K. B. Ramakrishna Rao, H. S. K. and Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri.

yamunacharya's daughter, usha Devi, joined the *'Varalakshmi Academy of Music'* to learn music. She eventually married R. visveswaran in 1961.

The newly constructed Mysore university library building was inaugurated by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on December 7, 1965. On this auspicious occasion, R. visveswaran, with his band of budding musicians from *'Varalakshmi Academy of Music,'* sang some verses from the second chapter of the Sankhya yoga. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was believed to have been quite impressed with vid. R. visveswaran's singing at the time.

yamunacharya was a fine orator and often attributed his oratorical skills to T.S. venkannayya. At a mosque in Gulbarga, yamunacharya was requested to

Mettupatti Yamunacharya

speak on the Holy Quran by the chief Maulvi. At the end of an hour-long lecture, the assembled Islamic scholars were left dumbfounded at yamunacharya's vast knowledge about the Quran.

Talk at Jail

Almost every year, the Mysore Jail Superintendent would invite Prof. yamunacharya to deliver lectures on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. When he could not make it on one such year, the prisoners raised a hue and cry and made an impassionate plea for his return! Such was his ability to connect with the masses.

HH Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar sought yamunacharya's help and guidance in authoring his book on Lord Dattatreya titled *'Dattatreya - The Way And The Goal'* (1957).

In his later years, M. yamunacharya was appointed as Honorary Professor of Indology at the university of Mysore. He was also made Trustee to *'Sri Nanjeeyar's Sannidhi'* at Melukote, which was built by his aunt. He was an active member of organisations like *'Mythic Society,' 'Kannada Sahitya Parishat,' 'Fellowship of Friends of Truth,' 'Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs,' 'Malleshwaram Gandhi Sahitya Sangraha'* and *'Indian Institute of World Culture.'* He was also an active member of the *Indian Philosophical Congress.*

Once, D. Javaregowda was searching for someone to translate a particular paragraph authentically from one of Kuvempu's novels. He approached some stalwarts in the English Department and got it translated. To his dismay, poet Kuvempu was none too impressed with the translation. Then someone suggested M. yamunacharya's name. yamunacharya took a day's time and came back with a translation of the desired passage. Javaregowda took it back to Kuvempu and this time he was overjoyed and remarked that only yamunacharya had been able to grasp the full import of what he had expressed in that particular paragraph!

Every year, the Mysore Jail Superintendent would invite Prof. Yamunacharya to deliver lectures on Gandhi Jayanti day. When he could not make it on one such year, the prisoners raised a hue and cry and made an impassionate plea for his return!

Teacher-student bond

yamunacharya used to engage a Junior Intermediate class to teach a paper on Logic. There were about 120 students in the class and one of them used to come to him with several questions after each session. yamunacharya would always give him a patient hearing and would present him with books like *'Katopanishad'* to assuage his intellectual thirst. This bond between the teacher and the student would last for several decades.

He had left such an indelible impression on this boy that he decided to take up B.A. and later M.A. in Philosophy, both under yamunacharya's tutelage. He was none other than S.L. Bhyrappa.

yamunacharya introduced Bhyrappa to the complete volumes of *"Jowett's Translations of Plato," Greek Plays, Shakespeare, Bradley's criticism on Shakespearean Plays, Thoreau, Emerson, Dante and Tolstoy.*

M. yamunacharya embarked for the united States in 1963. He was fond of Thoreau and had translated *'Walden'* into Kannada. yamunacharya made it a point to visit *'Walden Pond"* (Thoreau's birthplace) to see his cottage. yamunacharya visited Bucknell university, Manchester College, Chatham College, Wittenberg university and Oberlin Colleges as well. His lectures were received with a rousing welcome and they invited him a second time around to America!

M. yamunacharya was appointed as Chief Editor of the committee entrusted with bringing out all of Gandhiji's works in several volumes in Kannada, titled *"Kannadadalli Gandhi Granthamale"* at *Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi,* Mysore, in 1956. Gandhi's writings spanned over 50,000 pages. The Herculean task of translating and condensing them to roughly 8,000 pages, across twenty editions in Kannada, fell upon the shoulders of yamunacharya!

Yamunacharya was the first Director of Gandhi Bhavan (Centre for Gandhi Studies) from 1965 to 1966. He left for New Delhi in 1967 and was associated with the Gandhi Peace Foundation there for a year. He met then President Dr. Zakir Hussain in 1968 and presented a summary of achievements at the Gandhi Centre. The gruelling work schedule resulted in him suffering a heart attack. He was rushed to AIIMS, Delhi for treatment. All through his stay at the hospital, yamunacharya was visited almost daily by Bhyrappa, who had by then taken the position of a Reader at NCERT, New Delhi. He returned to Mysore in 1968-69. Sadly, his health declined again and had to be admitted to K.R. Hospital, Mysore where he was under the care of Dr. Das.

M. yamunacharya authored several seminal works in Philosophy, contributed to various journals and was a prolific translator. Among his better known works are *"Acharya Ramanujaru", "Alwarugalu", "Paschatya Rajakeeya Tatwagalu"* and *"Ramanuja's Teachings in his own words."* yamunacharya received the *'Karnataka Rajyotsava Award'* for his *"Vishistadvaita Darshana"* from Chief Minister veerendra Patil.

A true *Vedantin*

M. yamunacharya passed away on 4th January 1970. He was a Scholar, Philosopher, Teacher, Gandhian, Writer, Editor and an authority on Ramanujacharya and *Vishistadvaita*. Above all, he was a true *Vedantin* who lived, breathed and practised the very essence of what he taught, all his life. He lived his Philosophy and did so with impeccable grace. Kudos to him!

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Ananth assumes charge as SWR General Manager

Mysuru, Apr. 11- P. Ananth assumed charge as the new General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR) on Apr.9.

P. Ananth

An Officer of the 1989 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME), Ananth holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and brings with him rich and varied experience spanning over three decades in Indian Railways.

He has served extensively in the South Eastern Railway and has held several important assignments, including Director (Manpower Planning) in the Railway Board from 2002 to 2008. He also served as Chief Mechanical Engineer at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) from 2012 to 2017, where he played a key role in production and modernisation activities.

From 2017, he was associated with the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), New Delhi, as General Manager (Coach Maintenance Management System), where he was instrumental in the development and deployment of mission-critical application software supporting various operational functions across Indian Railways.

Later, Ananth served as Divisional Railway Manager, Madurai Division, Southern Railway, from Aug. 2021 to Oct. 2023, leading several key initiatives in operational efficiency and passenger service improvement.

Prior to assuming charge as General Manager, Ananth was serving as Additional General Manager, SWR since Oct.13, 2025. He succeeds Mukul Saran Mathur, consequent upon his retirement.

Lost handbag returned to railway passenger

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (vNS)- In an act of alertness, the Railway staff recovered and returned a lost handbag of a passenger. The incident occurred when 67-year-old Kaveri B. Pai travelling to Bengaluru from Srirangapatna by Train No. 16228 in Coach B-2 inadvertently left behind her handbag while alighting at Kranthiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station in Bengaluru.

The handbag, containing cash and jewellery, was noticed and secured by Kalabai, the Travelling Ticket Examiner on duty in the same train running from Shivamogga to Mysuru. Demonstrating utmost honesty and responsibility, she ensured the safety of the belongings and handed them over to the Chief Ticket Inspector, Mysuru.

Subsequently, the handbag was returned to the rightful owner Kaveri B. Pai at Mysuru in the presence of R. Chandrashekar and v. Nandakumar, Chief Ticket Inspector, Mysuru.

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Dr. Rameshwari Verma to be conferred Natana Award

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (vNS) - Senior Theatre Person Dr. Rameshwari verma will be conferred with this year's Natana Award instituted by Natana School of Theatre Arts in memory of former Natana President late S. Subramanyam.

Dr. Rameshwari

The award, carrying a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, citation and a memento, will be presented during the inaugural ceremony of Raja-Maja summer camp at BSS vidyodaya School premises in city on Apr. 14 at 10 am.

Previously, the award was presented to theatre personalities like Lakshmi Bai Enagi, M.N. Lakshmi Devi, Subhadramma Mansoor, R.T. Rama, Shathamma, Indiramma, Jayalakshmi Patil, Radha and Rukmini.

About Rameshwari Verma

Born on Oct. 21, 1936 to journalist P.R. Ramaiah, Founder of 'Tainadu' Kannada Newspaper and Jayalakshmamma couple, Rameshwari verma has been associated with theatre for the past seven decades. She has played a pivotal role in building modern theatre in Mysuru.

One of the Founder-Members of Saraswathipuram Thengina Thopu (Samathento) Theatre Group, Rameshwari has worked with theatre stalwarts such as Parvathavani, B.v. Karanth, Prasanna, Sathyu and Sinduvalli Ananthamurthy among others.

After completing her basic education at St. Theresa School in Bengaluru, she joined university of Mysore (uoM) for further studies. After starting her teaching career at the uoM, Rameshwari also served as Founder and Chairman of Centre for Women Studies at the university.

Besides acting in a number of plays, Rameshwari verma has also directed plays such as *Rudali, Mookajjiya Kanasugalu, Sonata* and *Medea*. She has served twice as the Member of Karnataka Nataka Academy.

Rameshwari verma has been conferred with many awards including Karnataka Rajyotsava Award (2016) and Karnataka Nataka Academy Award in recognition of her service to theatre.

Chithra Looms' expo-cum-sale of Kanjivaram Silk Sarees begins

Mysuru, Apr. 11- The two-day Exhibition and Sale of famous Kanjivaram Silk Sarees, organised by ***Chithra Looms,*** began at Hotel Southern Star Board Room on vinoba Road in city this morning.

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The expo will be open for visitors between 10 am and 8 pm today and tomorrow.

Three-day workshop on 'Ethnography and Documentation of Culture' at CIIL

Mysuru, Apr. 11- The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal and Anthropos India Foundation (AIF), is organising a three-day offline workshop on 'Ethnography and Documentation of Culture' from Apr. 12 to 14 at CIIL on Hunsur Road in city.

Prof. M.R. Gangadhar, vice-Chancellor, Chamarajanagar university, will be the chief guest during the inaugural session to be held at 9.30 am tomorrow (Apr. 12).

This workshop is part of an ongoing capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening research skills among scholars and researchers from the Western and Southern regions of India.

A major highlight is a half-day field visit to Rampura village, where participants will engage in on-site ethnographic observation, interviews and documentation exercises.

Rampura, a small multi-caste village near Mysuru in Karnataka, was famously studied by M.N. Srinivas, a pioneering Indian Sociologist and Social Anthropologist. The village gained prominence through his classic ethnographic work *The Remembered Village,* based on fieldwork conducted in 1948. In his study, Rampura is portrayed as a representative Indian rural society characterised by a complex caste structure, where different communities live in close interaction and social life is deeply shaped by agriculture, kinship, religion and local leadership.

The workshop will be conducted by eminent resource persons, including Prof. Sunita Reddy, Prof. Amitabh Pande, Prof. Shalina Mehta, Dr. Khirod Moharana and Prof. Tanka Bahadur Subba. Around 30 participants are expected to take part in the programme.

The event also marks a significant step towards strengthening institutional collaboration between CIIL and IGRMS, with a focus on promoting interdisciplinary research, documentation of cultural heritage and future academic partnerships.

The workshop will conclude with a valedictory session, including participant presentations, feedback and certificate distribution, according to a press release from Prof. P. R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL.

Talk on 'Understanding the Karnatak Violin' tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Mysore Literary Association (MLA) has organised a talk on 'Understanding the Karnatak violin' by Aniruddha Bharadwaj, Musician, at 11 am tomorrow (Apr. 12) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Mysuru.

Aniruddha

Profile: Aniruddha Bharadwaj started learning violin at an early age of six, from vid. N. Venkatesh. After a few years of tutelage under Dr. C.A. Nataraj and Vid. D. Balakrishna, he continued his further learning under vid. S. Seshagiri Rao. He is currently taking advanced coaching from violin maestros vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. M. Manjunath.

He has performed for more than 500 concerts with renowned and upcoming artistes. He has been awarded a direct B-High Grade from AIR and Doordarshan. Karnataka Fine Arts Council (a conglomerate of 10 Sabhas in Bengaluru) has conferred 'Kalavanta 2018 - Best violin Accompanist' title on Aniruddha as part of Kalavanta International youth Music Fest.

Week-long Bhagini Sangeethotsava

Noted musician Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar inaugurated the 7-day Bhagini Sangeethotsava at Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium in BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, yesterday in the presence of K.S. Guru Raja, Vidushi Dr. Baby Sreeram, BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, Padmaja Srinivas and B. Srinivas. Picture shows Vidushi Dr. Baby Sreeram from Chennai presenting a vocal concert, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata and Smruthi Bhaskar on tamboora. Various renowned artistes will be performing at Bhagini Sangeethotsava at 6 pm everyday till Apr. 16.

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, Apr. 11- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works at 11 KV Jayalakshmipuram Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply **on Apr. 12 and 13** between 10 am and 5 pm in following areas: Jayalakshmipuram, Kalidasa Road, Gokulam Main Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

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Church Pastor among two jailed for cheating

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MK&BS)- Two persons including a Church Pastor, convicted of cheating people of facilitating sites under Ashraya Housing Scheme, have been awarded four years and six months of Rigorous Imprisonment and Rs. 10,000 fine each, by the First Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Court in city.

M.B. Shankar and Joseph Stephen, Church Pastor residents of Mahadevapura, are the two persons, who were sentenced to jail by Judge A.G. Shilpa of First Additional CJM Court, besides ordering to pay Rs. 1.5 lakh as compensation to the victims.

The duo had promised sites and collected Rs. 3.7 lakh from each of Siddaram Chalavadi and Bhaskar Doddamani and Rs. 5.6 lakh from Jayaram, KSRTC bus drivers-cum-conductors, at a depot. When the trio went to Shankar, demanding their money back, the latter who claimed to be a Judge, issued a murder threat. Following a complaint, the then vidyaranyapuram Police Inspector Mohit Sahadev had conducted the investigation and filed a charge-sheet.

Public Prosecutor K. Prakash argued the case.

Ganja peddling: Four from Mysuru arrested in Kodagu

Harshad Khan *Muzamil Ahmed* *Afzal Pasha* *Sakhib*

One held in Mysuru, 1.985-kg ganja, mobile phone seized

virajpet/ Mysuru, Apr. 11 (KS)- Kodagu District Police have arrested four persons from Mysuru on charges of peddling narcotic substance ganja in virajpet City Police limits and have seized 576 grams of ganja and a Toyota Etios car (KA-09-C-2898) from them.

Those arrested are 25-year-old Harshad Khan, a resident of Shanthinagar in Mysuru, 46-year-old Muzamil Ahmed and 28-year-old Afzal Pasha, both residents of Beedi Colony at Azeez Sait Nagar, Mysuru and 32-year-old Sakhib, a resident of Kalyangiri in Mysuru.

Following complaint from the public about sale of narcotic substances in the region, the Police, in a bid to put brakes to such illicit activities, raided a spot near Heggala Junction at Arji village on Apr. 7 and arrested the four accused besides seizing ganja and the car.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police (SP) R.N. Bindu Mani and virajpet Sub-Division Dy.SP Mahesh Kumar guided virajpet Circle Inspector Anup Madappa, Sub-Inspector Pramod, Assistant Sub-Inspector T.P. Manjunath and staff B.M. Hemanth Kumar, Tejas Kumar, N.R. Harish, N.S. Sagar, J. Kumar and Mudiyajjala Bheemajna in the case.

One held in Mysuru

Narasimharaja (NR) Police in Mysuru have arrested a man on charges of selling ganja in broad daylight and have seized 1.985-kg of ganja and a mobile phone from him.

He was arrested near Padmashree Convention Hall on Old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in city on Apr. 8. The arrested man is 26-year-old Chandan Kumar, a native of Tilakpur village at Sultanganj Post in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and presently residing at Attibele in Bengaluru.

NR Police, who received information that a man was moving around in a suspicious manner on Old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, the Cops rushed to the spot and the accused on seeing the Police vehicle fled from the spot, but the Police chased and caught him.

On searching him, the Cops found ganja in his bag. On questioning him, accused Chandan told the Police that one Sunil in Bengaluru had given him the narcotic substance to sell it to a customer in Mysuru.

NR Police, who have registered a case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, are investigating.

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CM permitted son MLC Dr. Yathindra to collect money for transfers: HDK

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MK&DM)- Accusing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of allowing his MLC son Dr. yathindra Siddaramaiah for collecting money and bribes for favours such as transfers, general postings, plum postings and such others, union Minister and JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) alleged that the CM had appointed his son as a member of Ashraya Committee for this purpose.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Kumaraswamy maintained that Siddaramaiah has no moral right to speak about family politics in JD(S), as the CM himself is engaged in promoting the political future of his MLC son.

"I have brought my son Nikhil Kumaraswamy to politics because of people's demand. But I have never allowed my son to collect money from officials for getting favours done. However, Siddaramaiah's son yathindra is busy in collecting money and bribes for Government transfers and postings", he maintained.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy speaking to presspersons in city yesterday as MLC C.N. Manjegowda, District JD(S) President M. Ashwin Kumar, MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and others look on.

Refuting Siddaramaiah's claims of having contributed a lot for the growth of JD(S) when he was in the party, Kumaraswamy said it was he (HDK) and the party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda who played a key role in the JD(S) getting 58 seats in the 2004 Assembly polls.

Challenging Siddaramaiah to form his own party and win just 5 Assembly seats, the union Minister charged Siddaramaiah of sidelining senior party leaders who had promoted him for years. The CM should not forget that he gained his first political ground when he was in the JD(S), he added.

Accusing Siddaramaiah of back stabbing former PM Deve Gowda by forming AHINDA (an acronym for Minorities, Dalits and Backward Classes) movement, Kumaraswamy said Siddaramaiah should not forget his past. Siddaramaiah is such a person who strikes the last nail to the coffin of his own party, the Congress, he added.

Renomination of HDD to Rajya Sabha

Meanwhile, State JD(S) youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy said that it is left to the BJP to decide on re-nominating former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) to the Rajya Sabha.

Speaking to presspersons at Hassan yesterday, Nikhil said that HDD, whose RS term will expire in a couple of months, should continue, considering his vast experience and political knowledge. However, it is left to the BJP High Command to decide on the matter, he said, adding that the JD(S) will not exert any pressure on its coalition partner, the BJP, in this matter.

JD(S) to hold 'Janarondige Janata Dal' campaign in city on Apr. 18

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (SPN&DM)- Setting out an objective of strengthening the party in all the three Assembly segments (Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamaraja) of the city, the JD(S) has planned to hold 'Janarondige Janata Dal' (Janata Dal with the People) initiative in the city on Apr. 18.

Presiding over a preliminary meeting of the initiative at a hotel here yesterday, former Minister and State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh said the initiative will be held in the presence of State JD(S) youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy at the open space in Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry premises on vinoba Road at 4 pm on Apr. 18.

Pointing out that Nikhil has already held such initiatives in Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, T. Narasipur and other taluks over the past couple of months, Mahesh said that now the party has planned to strengthen the party in urban areas too by holding the event in city.

He called upon the party workers and the people to take part in large numbers and ensure the success of the initiative.

MLA G.D. Harish Gowda seen addressing as City JD(S) President SBM Manju, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MLA K. Mahadev, State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh, District JD(S) President M. Ashwin Kumar and former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar look on.

Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, who also spoke, said that party teams headed by City JD(S) President SBM Manju and District President M. Ashwin Kumar will undertake a house to house visit of erstwhile party workers who have now distanced themselves from the party for different reasons. The teams will impress upon the deserted party workers and senior leaders to again take part in party organisation and rebuilding of the party, he said while stressing on the need for strengthening the party right from grassroots level. He also called upon the party workers to explain the people about the welfare measures launched by H.D. Kumaraswamy when he served as CM of the State twice for a brief period.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, District JD(S) President M. Ashwin Kumar, former MLA K. Mahadev, former Mayors M.J. Ravikumar and Rajeshwari Somu, former Corporator K.v. Sridhar and others were present.

Make district child-labour free: ADC tells officials

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (DM)- Stating that child-labour is detrimental to the country, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju asked officials to strive for eradication of child labour in district by coming up with more awareness programmes.

He was speaking after presiding over District level executive committee and District Task Force of Labour department at the Deputy Commissioner's office here recently.

Stressing that children should not be deprived of education, Dr. Shivaraju said that officials should carry out periodic raids on units where child labour is engaged. Pointing out that rescued children should be admitted to schools, he said it is also important to ensure that such children continue their studies. He also directed the officials to admit children of poor parents who cannot afford education to their wards, in residential schools of the district.

Reiterating that no children should be deprived of education, ADC said that officials should ensure that no child gets engaged in begging along the streets and road junctions. He also instructed all concerned departments to carry out surprise raids for checking child beggary.

"The officials must identify child labour spots and hold local meetings for carrying out awareness programmes. Children engaged in child labour should be admitted to schools and officials should hold widespread awareness programmes to end the menace", he said and instructed the officials to come up with data on all this in the next meeting.

Shivaraju further said that as many as 1483 raids were conducted between April 2025 and March 2026, during which three child labourers and 34 teen labourers were rescued. Subsequently, the authorities imposed a total penalty of Rs.1.62 lakh in 12 such cases, he noted.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Lalitha Bai, District Labour Officer Chetan Kumar, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju, District Child Protection Officer Yogesh Kumar and others were present.

Two-day Desi Dal Mela at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry

A two-day 'Desi Dal Mela,' organised jointly by Sahaja Samrudha, Sahaja Seeds and Kisan Mall, began at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city this morning. The Mela, which aims to introduce the taste, significance and cultural value of indigenous pulses to the people of Mysuru, will be open to public between 9 am and 8.30 pm today and tomorrow.

Lecture on Sir MV and Vachana literature held in city

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BCT)- The District unit of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat had organised a special lecture programme at the Arya Ediga Association's Women's Student Hostel in Krishnamurthypuram recently.

The programme featured lectures on the life and contributions of Bharat Ratna Sir M. visvesvaraya (MV) and the significance of vachana literature.

Delivering a lecture on 'The Contributions of Sir Mv', Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle described Sir Mv as a "living embodiment of discipline and punctuality."

She said Sir Mv was not only a renowned engineer and former Dewan of Mysore but also a visionary who laid the foundation for modern development in the State of Mysore. His century-long life journey continues to inspire younger generations, particularly his contributions to science and technology for national development, she added.

In another session, Prof. K.R. Preemaleela spoke on the 'Contributions of vachanakaras.' She said the values embedded in vachana literature remain relevant even today and urged students to imbibe the ethics and ideals of the vachanakaras in their daily lives.

Noted theatre artiste Rajashekhar Kadamba inaugurated the programme. Presiding over the event, Maddikere Gopal, President of the District unit of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat, spoke about the Parishat's efforts to promote both scientific thinking and Kannada literary heritage.

Prof. Mallanna, Ananth and several other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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WORD OF THE DAy

Browbeat

Pronunciation: brau-bet (verb)
Meaning: To intimidate or disconcert by a stern manner or arrogant speech
Origin: The Oxford English Dictionary notes the earliest use of the term "browbeat" dates back to the 1580s. The brow in question is typically that of the intimidator, not the victim. This aligns with the straightforward interpretation where stern or arrogant facial expressions (brow) are used to dominate or coerce someone (beat). In addition to these historical and speculative explanations, it's also worth noting that "browbeat" reflects a combination of literal and figurative language, where "brow" symbolises the facial expressions associated with dominance and "beat" conveys the aggressive nature of the intimidation. The earliest recorded use of "browbeat" appears in texts from the late 16th century. Specifically, it was used in the context of using stern or arrogant looks to exert control or influence, aligning with the primary definition of the term.
Example: Davies more or less browbeat her into terminating the pregnancy, and dropped out of college.—Christopher Tayler, Harpers Magazine, 27 Jan. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Bromopnea

Bad breath.

PHRASE OF THE DAy

A diamond in the rough

Meaning: The phrase 'A diamond in the rough' refers to someone or something whose good qualities are hidden.
Origin: If you've ever seen an uncut diamond (a diamond in the rough,) you know it looks nothing like the sparkling gemstones found adorning rings and other jewellery. The origin of the phrase 'A diamond in the rough' isn't known, but it's safe to say that the term was used as early as the 1600s; a similar term first appeared in print in John Fletcher's 1624 *A Wife for a Month:* "She is very honest, and will be as hard to cut as a rough diamond."
Example: "This film is one of those diamonds in the rough - a wonderful gem that almost no one has noticed."

QUOTE BOX

Love is the only sane and satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence. **—Erich Fromm**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Hurry Up.

SUDOKU

4			7		6	3		9
9		7		4		2		
6			4		7			8
		9				4		
1			9		2			3
		3		8		9		5
2		8	1		9			6

Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	6	2	3	5	1	8	4
3	4	5	9	8	1	6	7	2
1	2	8	7	4	6	9	3	5
5	8	3	4	1	9	2	6	7
9	6	2	8	7	3	5	4	1
4	7	1	6	5	2	3	9	8
6	1	4	5	9	8	7	2	3
8	5	9	3	2	7	4	1	6
2	3	7	1	6	4	8	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

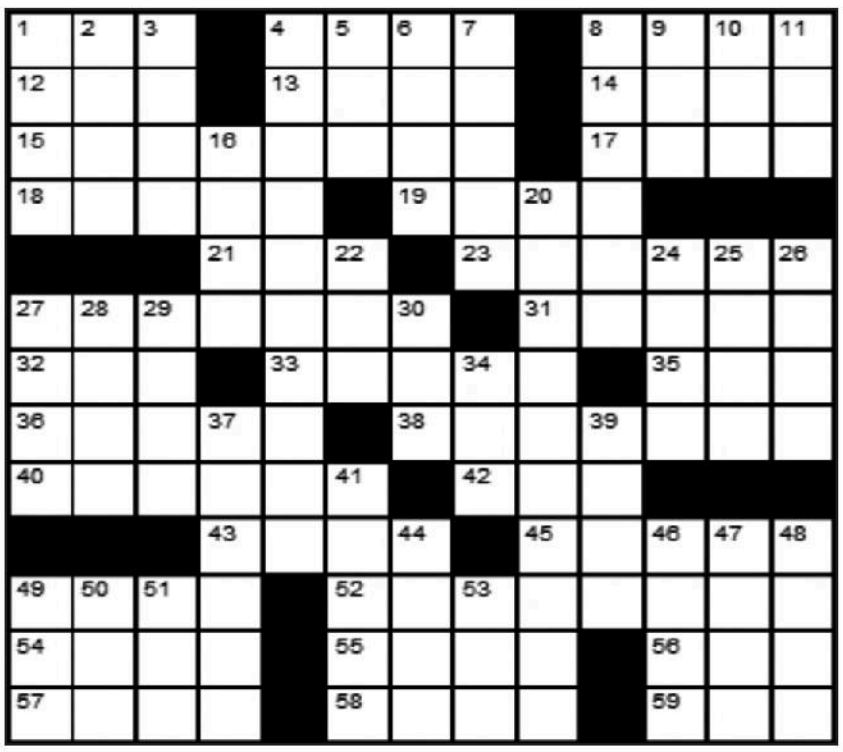
1 Pounds abbr
4 Headland
8 Two pages in a book
12 _ _ carte (1,2)
13 The game __ __ : you are exposed, in a way? (2,2)
14 A deadly sin
15 Ambitious sort (2-6)
17 Young adult
18 Resell illegally for a profit
19 Makes dark
21 Put a light to
23 Estimated
27 Remedy for all diseases
31 Pointed weapon
32 Arab sleeveless garment
33 Greek letter
35 "Set" anagram twice repeated for a poisonous fly
36 Japanese dish
38 A keyboard instrument
40 Blemishes
42 Animal's foot
43 Hindu god of fire
45 Considers
49 ___ mum : said nothing?
52 Supported
54 You too in Latin (2,2)
55 Greek letters - "seat" changed ?
56 BJP and their allies?
57 In brief, sergeants and corporals
58 Their capital for the Italians?
59 Comics cry

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	S	S	■	D	O	F	F	■	M	A	O
A	L	O	T	■	E	T	A	L	■	O	A	F
B	E	H	A	V	E	O	N	E	S	E	L	F
E	C	O	L	I	■	E	S	S	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	A	T	S	■	■	H	E	L	P	S
■	M	E	G	A	T	O	N	■	N	E	U	T
G	E	L	■	E	E	R	I	E	■	E	S	C
O	S	S	A	■	M	C	G	R	A	T	H	■
C	H	A	S	M	■	■	H	I	C	■	■	■
■	■	■	H	A	S	P	■	C	E	D	A	R
O	N	C	E	U	P	O	N	A	T	I	M	E
F	S	C	■	L	I	S	A	■	I	V	A	N
T	E	C	■	S	T	E	P	■	C	A	N	E

DOWN

1 Falls behind
2 Political alliance
3 Epic or heroic story
4 Petty criticism (3-7)
5 Superlative suffix
6 Took to court
7 Small shoot
8 Eases, in a way? (4,2)
9 Vane directions ?
10 ___ Maria : famous hymn?
11 Danish island
16 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald
20 Udipi snack (6,4)
22 Afternoon reception?
24 ___ down to : concentrates fully on?
25 Compass point
26 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram ?
27 Go by
28 Conjoin
29 Out-of-this-world org.
30 Headache tablet
34 ___ up : invigorate ?
37 A break or gap
39 Water-jug
41 Expression of contempt
44 Keen on
46 Slave or serf
47 Persian of old
48 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
49 In short, Kentucky?
50 Et cetera, in short
51 Please Turn Over
53 Reservoir barrier



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DEKL T RTY T NEHZ TYB ZL CEGG LTV NJX T BTS. VLTOZ ZER ZJC VJ

NEHZ, TYB ZL CEGG HEV EY T WJTV TYB BXEYF WLLX TGG BTS.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is nothing in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and he who considers price only is that man's lawful prey.

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6 pm; (S-3) 10.05 pm
Vaazha 2 - Biopic of Billion Bro (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Peter (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Nannu Karunakara (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm; (S-3) 4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Drishyam 2 (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Calander (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Gangs of UK (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Dacoit (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Calendar (K)	:	10.30 am
Gangs of UK (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11 am, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	12.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm, 7.30 pm
Terror (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4 pm
Kaada (K)	:	1.45 pm
Peter (K)	:	3.50 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXuS MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.30 am, 12.40 pm, 7 pm
Dacoit (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.50 am, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.25 am, 12.50 pm
		5.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.20 pm
Peter (K)	:	11.25 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Goyang: Live Viewing (2026) (Korean)		
	:	3 pm, 7pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Terror (K)	:	4 pm

MOVIES AT GARuDA MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.35 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 5.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.40 am, 7.20 pm
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		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	2.35 pm
Naanu Karunakara (K)	:	4.20 pm

EVENTS TODAy (APRIL 11)

- **Sahaja Samrudha, Sahaja Seeds and Kisan Mall:** Desi Dal Mela, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th year Sri Ramotsava, inauguration, **5 pm;** Mandolin recital by vid. A.v. Dattatreya and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru and Paradarshak Media Foundation, Bengaluru:** Releasing of the book 'Bhu Kabalike Siddhanta', writer & thinker N. Diwakar, High Court Advocate G.T. Narendra, *The File* Editor G. Mahantesh, Foundation Director Mallikarjun Bhattarahalli and others will be present, Indian Institute of Educational Theatre, Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Music programme, Dr. H.S. Madhavi endowment and Smt. T.v. Alamelu Memorial Programme, vocal recital by vidu. Lavanya Krishnamurthy from Bengaluru, accompanied by Anirudh Bharadwaj on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga and Srinidhi Kaundinya on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahipalanandaji delivers a talk on 'Insights from Parables of Sri Ramakrishna - 15' in English, Ashram premises, yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava-2026, vocal recital by vidu. Anjana P. Rao (Bengaluru), accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada, Mysuru:** 'Science Sanje', talk in Kannada on 'The Physics of Life' by Dr. Vijaykumar Krishnamurthy, Associate Professor, International Centre for Theoretical Sciences of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (ICTS-TIFR), Bengaluru; Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Heritage House, Mysuru:** April edition of Courtyard Screenings, screening of 'Photo' (2023), a critically acclaimed Kannada-language drama written, directed and produced by utsav Gonwar, screening will be followed by an engaging discussion with filmmaker Utsav Gonwar, popular kannada actresses Roshni Prakash, Amrita Iyenger and Kushi Ravi guests, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99729-62868]
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 12)

- **Sahaja Samrudha, Sahaja Seeds and Kisan Mall:** Desi Dal Mela, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **9 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal and Anthropos India Foundation (AIF):** Inauguration of 3-day offline workshop on 'Ethnography and Documentation of Culture,' Prof. M.R. Gangadhar, vice-Chancellor, Chamarajanagar university, chief guest, CIIL, Hunsur Road, Mysuru, **9.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru Chapter and Sri Anantheshwara Trust, Mysuru:** Bhavotsava - Season 1, special Sugama Sangeetha programme, Sri Anantheshwara Bhavan, # CA 13, Phase-2, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, **9.30 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Mysore Literary Association (MLA):** Talk on 'Understanding the Karnatak Violin' by Aniruddha Bharadwaj, Musician, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **11 am.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting to discuss ways to protect the city's trees, Deputy Conservator of Forests K. Paramesh speaks on promoting green spaces and the reconstitution of the Tree Authority, Dr. K. N. Amruthesh, Professor, Department of Botany, university of Mysore and Dr. S. Shankar Bhatt, former Professor of Botany, will also participate, Shantagouda Patil of the Centre for Advanced Learning and Sanjay Dattratri, Convener of MGP's Tree Census project, will present an update on the census, which is nearing completion, #6/1 Vivekananda Road, yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th year Sri Ramotsava, Classical Music Concert by vidu. Archana L. Rao and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **The Melodic Medics:** 'Gaata Rahe Mera Dil-2,' a musical night of romantic hits of R.D. Burman's magic, Dr. Rajkumar's soulful Kannada gems and the golden voice of Mohammed Rafi; Dr. Somanath Vasudeva and Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath will perform, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.45 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Muktidanandaji delivers a talk on the topic 'Ishavasya Upanishad' in Kannada, Ashram premises, yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru:** Music Trinity — Syama Sastri, Tyagaraja and Muthuswami Dikshitar — Memorial Programme (Samsmarane), recital of kritis of the Trinity by artistes of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, concept is by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, accompanied by Vidu. S.A. Divyashree on violin and vid. B.S. Shubhang on mridanga, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Programme in Memory of Sabha's former President K.v. Murthy, vocal concert by Vid. S. Sakethraman from Chennai, accompanied by Mattur Srinidhi on violin, v. Praveen on mridanga and G. Guruprasanna on khanjira, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava-2026, vocal recital by vid. Abhiram Bode (Chennai), accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Radhesh on mridanga and vid. Halambi Bhargava on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Dhvanyaloka:** Prof. CDN Memorial Lecture and Award Ceremony, Dr. Prema Nandakumar delivers talk on 'Aurobindo's *Savitri*,' Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	1.10 pm, 5.45 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 6.50 pm 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.40 pm
Terror (K)	:	3.50 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	6.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm, 6.45, 10.20 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 7.20, 10.30 pm
Kaada (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.20 am, 5.35 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Calendar (K)	:	1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	3.55 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	4.10 pm
Vazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	7 pm, 10 pm

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